

1-1 By: Birdwell S.B. No. 1917
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed April 29, 2013; April 29, 2013, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Intergovernmental
1-4 Relations; May 10, 2013, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 5, Nays 0; May 10, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Hinojosa	X			
1-8 Nichols	X			
1-9 Garcia	X			
1-10 Paxton	X			
1-11 Taylor	X			

1-13 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-14 AN ACT

1-15 relating to the definition of an authorized emergency vehicle.

1-16 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-17 SECTION 1. Subdivision (1), Section 541.201,
1-18 Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

1-19 (1) "Authorized emergency vehicle" means:

1-20 (A) a fire department or police vehicle;

1-21 (B) a public or private ambulance operated by a
1-22 person who has been issued a license by the ~~[Texas]~~ Department of
1-23 State Health Services;

1-24 (C) a municipal department or public service
1-25 corporation emergency vehicle that has been designated or
1-26 authorized by the governing body of a municipality;

1-27 (D) a private vehicle of a volunteer firefighter
1-28 or a certified emergency medical services employee or volunteer
1-29 when responding to a fire alarm or medical emergency;

1-30 (E) an industrial emergency response vehicle,
1-31 including an industrial ambulance, when responding to an emergency,
1-32 but only if the vehicle is operated in compliance with criteria in
1-33 effect September 1, 1989, and established by the predecessor of the
1-34 Texas Industrial Emergency Services Board of the State Firemen's
1-35 and Fire Marshals' Association of Texas;

1-36 (F) a vehicle of a blood bank or tissue bank,
1-37 accredited or approved under the laws of this state or the United
1-38 States, when making emergency deliveries of blood, drugs,
1-39 medicines, or organs; ~~[or]~~

1-40 (G) a vehicle used for law enforcement purposes
1-41 that is owned or leased by a federal governmental entity; or

1-42 (H) a private vehicle of an employee or volunteer
1-43 of a county emergency management division in a county with a
1-44 population of more than 46,500 and less than 48,000 that is
1-45 designated as an authorized emergency vehicle by the commissioners
1-46 court of that county.

1-47 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
1-48 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
1-49 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
1-50 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
1-51 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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